



PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

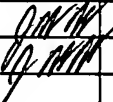
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/065,256		
		Filing Date	September 30, 2002		
		First Named Inventor	Andrew Kaplan		
		Art Unit	3731		
Sheet	1	of	2	Examiner Name	Julian W. Woo
				Attorney Docket Number	013341-000014

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
JWW	A	US- 879,758		02-18-1908	Foster	
	B	US- 1,248,825		12-04-1917	Dederer	
	C	US- 3,833,972		09-10-1974	Brumlik	
	D	US- 4,188,734		04-22-1980	Brumlik	
	E	US- 5,123,911		08-23-1992	Granger et al.	
	F	US- 5,123,919		06-23-1992	Sauter et al.	
	G	US- 5,374,268		12-20-1994	Sander	
	H	US- 6,027,523		02-22-2000	Schmieding	
	I	US- 6,251,143		06-28-2001	Schwartz et al.	
	J	US- 6,478,809		11-12-2002	Brotz	
	K	US- 6,599,310		07-29-2003	Leung et al.	
	L	US- 6,845,228		11-11-2003	Jacobs	
	M	US- 2003/0149447	A1	08-07-2003	Morency et al.	
	N	US- 2004/0030354		02-12-2004	Leung et al.	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

RECEIVED
NOV 23 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

RECEIVED
NOV 23 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

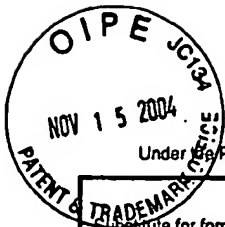
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ^o
		Country Code ² -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	O	FR 2,619,129	02-10-1989	Mas et al.		X
	P	WO 98/52473	11-28-1998	Buncke		

Examiner Signature	Julian W. Woo	Date Considered	3-22-05
--------------------	---------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PTO/SB/08b (08-03)

Approved for use through 06/30/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/065,256		
		Filing Date	September 30, 2002		
		First Named Inventor	Andrew Kaplan		
		Art Unit	3731		
Sheet	2	of	2	Examiner Name	Jullan W. Woo
				Attorney Docket Number	013341-000014

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
JWW	Q	Buncke, Jr., H.J. et al.; THE SUTURE REPAIR OF ONE-MILLIMETER VESSELS; 1966; pp. 24-35	
JWW	R	Han, Houghtao, et al.; MATING AND PIERCING MICROMECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR SURFACE BONDING APPLICATIONS; 1991; pp. 253-258	
JWW	S	Sulamanidze, M.A., et al.; REMOVAL OF FACIAL SOFT TISSUE PTOSIS WITH SPECIAL THREADS; Dermatol Surg 2002; 28; pp.367-371	

RECEIVED
NOV 23 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Examiner Signature	Jullan W. Woo	Date Considered	3-22-05
-----------------------	---------------	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.